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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/593,591)
Filed: June 13, 2000)
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG)
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED)
TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED)
INTERVERTEBRAL)
IMPLANTATION SPACE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b), but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

A copy of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. co-pending application of Applicant; the claims and drawings of which are attached hereto:

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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